

was so good that I was getting calls from Mark Irwin and Dennis Baake. Mark I have only met a time or two at Renaissance Weekend. Dennis I have known for years; he uses OPIC funding with his company AES, but we have never before talked about OPIC. I still don't know how OPIC figured out I knew both these guys.

The bottom line is that we have a problem with spending in Washington and what this spending points to is even worse. In the early 1800's a little known Scottish historian after studying World History for the whole of his life said this:

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government it can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always vote for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence:

from Bondage to Spiritual Faith;
from Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;
from Great Courage to Abundance;
from Abundance to Selfishness;
from Selfishness to Complacency;
from Complacency to Apathy;
from Apathy to Dependency;
from Dependency back again into Bondage."

Tragically Alex Tyler's words have been born out by the history of the world.

Egyptians, advanced as they were, came and went—the Greeks laid the intellectual foundation for many of our government's practices but did the same. Rome, after controlling the entire known world, came to an end in 476 AD. The Byzantine Empire was around for another thousand years but ultimately crumbled as well in 1453. Italy, which dominated as the cultural center of the western world during the Renaissance, fell to Charles V in 1550 and Spain controlled one-fourth of the known world and one-half of

There are other examples, but a good part of each of these countries' or civilizations' end was tied to government overspending. Spain at the time of collapse spent forty cents of every dollar of government expenditure on interest payments which is unsustainable for a person or a country. Can you imagine spending forty cents of every dollar you earned to cover the tab on your credit card?

The bottom line is that I believe the biggest threat we have to National Security is our government's excessive spending. I have cast more than my share of votes against even suspensions and anything else that had much in the way of spending, but I have seen nothing structural to suggest people are willing to put the brakes on spending. This troubles me for our country's future. Oddly, the next economic slow-down may be our nation's best hope in efforts to attempt to put a bridle on the federal government's spending, but currently it doesn't look good. For the sake of our Republic, I hope the elected leadership of this country wakes up to the need to do something sooner rather than later because time is beginning to run short in solving what could

shortly prove to be a math trap against each of us as taxpaying Americans.

HONORING OLYMPIC ATHLETE CHRISTINE SMITH COLLINS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to join the City of Worcester in recognizing one of our most dedicated athletes, rower Christine Smith Collins. At the Sydney Olympics, Ms. Collins and her partner Sarah Garner captured the Bronze Medal in the lightweight double sculls.

Ms. Collins was an avid track runner before discovering rowing at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, where she received her Bachelor's Degree with honors in 1991. Rowing certainly fit her well, as she has become the most decorated female rower in U.S. history. She has been an eight time national champion, won four world titles, and six world championship medals.

In addition to her success on the water, Ms. Collins is also a practicing attorney, receiving her degree from George Washington Law School in 1998. She was a law clerk to the Justices of the Superior Court of Massachusetts and is currently an associate at the law firm of Bowditch and Dewey, LLP in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Ms. Collins resides in Worcester with her husband Matt Collins, a physician at Family Health Center in Worcester and himself a former member of the U.S. Rowing Team and 1993 World Champion. I greatly admire her many accomplishments, both in and out of the water. Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House join me and the City of Worcester in honoring this tremendous athlete and to wish her much continued success in the future.

IN HONOR OF JANE L. CAMPBELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to congratulate Jane L. Campbell, the outstanding Commissioner from Cuyahoga County, Ohio who was recently named one of nine Public Officials of the Year by Governing Magazine.

As one of three Cuyahoga Commissioners for the most populous county in Ohio, Campbell manages human services, economics, infrastructure development and re-development and also oversees a budget larger than that of ten states. However, Campbell takes her job as County Commissioner far beyond these traditional duties. Currently, she is President of the Board of County Commissioners, Chairman of the Violence Against Women Act Committee and Children Who Witness Violence Committee, and a Board Member of the District One Public Works Integrating Committee (DOPWIC). Also, Campbell represents the

County at the National Association of Counties and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, and she was recently elected the Vice Chair of the National Democratic County Officials.

Jane Campbell is a natural leader. At just 47 years old, Campbell is already a seasoned politician, winning her first state legislative seat when she was still in her 20's. She successfully served six terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, where she was elected Majority Whip and Assistant Minority Leader by her colleagues. Over the course of her 12 years in office, Campbell had a strong record for children and families, law enforcement, development and welfare. In addition to being a talented legislator, Campbell was the founding Executive Director of WomenSpace, Executive Director of the Friends of Shaker Square and National Field Director of ERAmerica.

Campbell's hard work has earned her a number of awards and honors including, Crain's Cleveland Business Woman of Influence, One of the 100 Most Influential Women in Cleveland by Cleveland Magazine, A Woman to Watch in the 90's by Ms Magazine, One of 100 Young Women of Promise by Good Housekeeping, and Rookie of the Term by Columbus Monthly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me today in recognizing Commissioner Jane Campbell. She is a truly remarkable woman who should be commended for her immeasurable contributions to our community and her endless dedication to public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes: Roll Call No. 531, No. 532, No. 533, No. 570–576, No. 584–590, No. 592, No. 593, No. 594.

Had I been here I would have voted: Yea on No. 531, No. 532, No. 533, No. 570, No. 571, No. 572, No. 573, No. 574, No. 575, No. 576, No. 584, No. 585, No. 586, No. 587; Nay on No. 588; and Yea on No. 589, No. 590, No. 592, No. 593, No. 594.

ESTATE TAXES

HON. MARSHALL "MARK" SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the thoughts of a man whom I respected deeply, John Monroe J. Holliday. John did many things in South Carolina, one of which was host the Gallivants Ferry Stump. The Stump is a 180-year-old tradition built on kicking around political ideas face-to-face. It has been a spot where people in that part of rural South Carolina gathered and I've always enjoyed the chance to attend and compare

notes and ideas with farmers and city folks alike. I have always considered myself a token Republican at this Democratic event, but it did me well as my elections have been won with the help of Democrats in western Horry County. John passed away last month and he will be missed by many South Carolinians.

One of the issues that John was very passionate about was the estate tax. Many times he wrote to me urging a change to the law. Two days before he died, he drafted a letter to me on the current estate tax policy in our country. I will let his final words on the subject speak for him.

I submit the following letter for the RECORD:

HOLLIDAY ASSOCIATES, LLC,
Galivants Ferry, SC, October 19, 2000.
Congressman MARK SANFORD,
Longworth Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MARK: The Holliday family has faced increased estate taxes on an annual basis for such a long time, and this increase is a result of Congress's failure to adjust the gift and estate tax exclusion by inflation. In 1987 the amount each individual could shelter from estate taxes was \$600,000—in addition to the annual gift tax exclusion for each individual which I believe was \$10,000. Margy and I have constantly taken advantage of the estate gift tax exclusion—in fact each year we were able to give to our daughters a total of \$40,000.

From December 1986 to December 1987, the consumer price inflation rose from 109.6 to 113.3 or a little more than 3.6%. If both the gift and estate exclusions had been adjusted for this 3.6% inflation increase, we could have transferred an additional \$50,840 to our children tax free. This is only a part of the additional benefits our family could have been entitled to. Any of the earnings on the \$50,840 would have been excluded from our estate. If we assume a 10% annual growth rate from 1988 to the present, over \$159,000 would have been excluded.

If we use these same assumptions and recalculate each year the impact that these hidden estate tax increases have on our estate, my family should have been entitled to a total exclusion of more than \$8.8 million. The end result is that the estate will pay over \$4,840,000 more in estate taxes!

The reality is that Congress has intentionally allowed the annual increases to take place under their current theory of "the rich are too rich". To avoid the wrath that they would have faced if the tax increases had been legislated, they have avoided accountability by allowing inflation to do their dirty work.

The failure to adjust exemptions like the estate and gift tax exclusions is nothing but a hidden tax increase! I believe as a result of these increases that it is more than appropriate for Congress to redress this injustice by making significant changes in the estate and gift tax exclusions.

I apologize for this long letter but some adjustments must be made to help this horrible situation.

With warm regards, I am

Yours very truly,

JOHN MONROE J. HOLLIDAY.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SHREWSBURY ROTARY CLUB

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to congratulate the Shrewsbury Rotary Club of Massachusetts, which is being recognized for exemplary involvement in community service. The Shrewsbury Rotary Club has been chosen as the 2000 recipient of The Harry Cutting, Jr. Award. This award is presented annually by Shrewsbury Community Services to an individual or organization that has worked to improve the lives of local families. Harry Cutting was a founding member of Shrewsbury Community Services and was dedicated to helping families in need.

The Shrewsbury Rotary Club exemplifies the meaning of community service and what Harry Cutting stood for as a member of this community. The club is involved on both the international and the local level, helping those in need. They have worked in conjunction with the University of Massachusetts Medical Center to transport medical supplies to Chernobyl and established the first rotary club in Kiev where they have formed a partnership and continue to assist those citizens in need. On the local level, they support the ecumenical council, assist in the local schools, lend a helping hand to senior citizens, and provide college scholarships to help local students pay for college.

I have a great appreciation for what this group has done to benefit the Shrewsbury community and I am especially proud of their accomplishments. Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House join me and the members of Shrewsbury Community Services in congratulating the Shrewsbury Rotary Club on receiving this prestigious award.

IN HONOR OF DR. CLAIRE A. VAN UMMERSON'S SERVICES TO CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor of Dr. Claire A. Van Ummerson's outstanding dedication to serving the higher educational needs of the Cleveland area.

Claire A. Van Ummerson, Cleveland State University president since 1993, will leave the school by the end of June to take up a new position on the American Council on Education in Washington, DC. She has a long and prestigious career in the field of higher education. From 1986 through to 1992, Dr. Van Ummerson served as chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire. She has also been associated with the University of Massachusetts in Boston for many years in a variety of roles, including associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Van Ummerson's philosophy which is based on partnerships has been instrumental

in ensuring progress at Cleveland State University. She advocates working with school systems, other universities, research institutes and businesses to strengthen academic programs and enhance the school's capacity to respond to the needs of the region. Such a philosophy demonstrates a true understanding of the education system and its interaction with the community as a whole.

Dr. Van Ummerson's contribution to education can be seen in the stature of Cleveland State University in our community. The University, which serves the educational needs of northeast Ohio, offers 65 undergraduate programs and has approximately 15,500 students. Its mission to promote an open and inclusive educational environment for members of the community has been served well under Dr. Van Ummerson's leadership.

My fellow distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Claire Van Ummerson's outstanding work as President of Cleveland State University, and in wishing her all the best for her future career in Washington, DC.

LET THE STATES PLAN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, as most Americans know, Members of Congress are frequently successful in attaching extraneous pieces of reauthorizing legislation to appropriations bills. These attachments are called "riders." These are last-minute attempts to pass legislative language that typically has not been subject to the standard deliberative process in committee and on the floor of the House. The FY 2001 Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriations bill is no exception.

This appropriations bill contains a rider that could potentially have a negative impact on many of the 21 counties I represent in the 4th District of Colorado. It could adversely affect safety on Colorado Interstate 25, and would go against a fundamental position the Colorado Department of Transportation has consistently held firm. Termed the "Ports-to-Plains Corridor," this route is part of the national plan to facilitate transportation of goods from Mexico to the central West.

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor was given a designation as a high priority corridor in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century Act of 1998. The language designates, "the Ports-to-Plains Corridor from the Mexican Border via I-27 to Denver, Colorado." It is my understanding Members of Congress and Senators from Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado negotiated a plan to attach language into the Fiscal Year 2001 Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriations bill designating the Ports-to-Plains Corridor route from Laredo, Texas, to Dumas, Texas. It is also my understanding proponents of this route designation have previously attempted but failed to attach this language to the FY 2001 Transportation Appropriation bill and the FY 2001 District of Columbia Appropriation bill. Unfortunately,